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# Morton Grove Public Library

## Making More Room Without Adding Shelves

If you have noticed more room in the Library lately, here's why: In November, staff members started with the 000s on the mezzanine and shifted all of the adult non-fiction and fiction. That's more than 50,000 books, about 30 tons worth, all moved by hand! The shifting was necessary as the fiction books were overflowing their space. Each shelf now has one or two years of "growing space."

The Science Fiction section was moved entirely and follows the Fiction section. All the sale books are together on one shelving unit for easy browsing and buying. The Young Adult section includes a display for the new graphic novels (see page three) and room for displaying books. Shifting the books makes finding the materials you need easier. If you need assistance, librarians can guide you to the appropriate shelves.

Thank you to those who patiently tolerated the banging and disarray for two weeks!

## Website Sports New Look, Name

On Monday, February 2, the Library will unveil a redesign of its web site, now called the **Webrary®**. With a completely new look and name, the Webrary will meet more of your information needs.

Regular users of the site will find even more helpful features. The Library's online catalog will be available for searching through the Internet. Pages have been redesigned for quicker access, and many feature pop-down menus for faster navigation.

The all-new kids' section offers information about classes, story hours, booklists and programs.

Those new to the site will find booklists, Library policies, hours, calendar of events, new books, and links to sites for book lovers.

The core of the site is a collection of nearly 300 informational websites divided into ten sections by the standard Dewey Decimal system used in libraries. These sites, called Webrary Links, are searchable by name, description and subject to help you find just the site you are looking for.

For ten years, the Reference Department has maintained indexes to the Library's song and play collections. These indexes, containing over 15,000 title entries, can now be searched on our web site.

A team of staff members worked closely with graphic artist Brian Benson to help create the new style with all the custom features.

To contact the library, you can send an email question to the Reference Desk and our librarians will get back to you with the answer. To get to the new Web site, use the following address:

**www.webrary.org**

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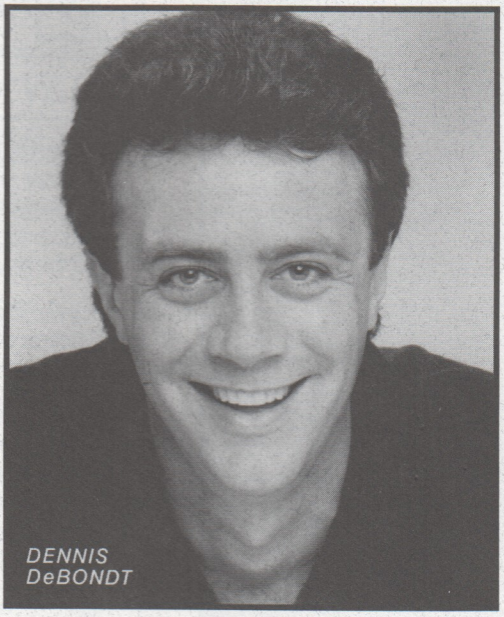

DENNIS DeBONDT

## 'Sears Tower of Magic'

Dennis DeBondt, a magician who stands 6'7", will levitate one child from the audience in his family show on **Saturday, February 14 at 10:30 a.m.** See page 3 for details.

## Staying in Chicago for the Winter? Take an Armchair Trip to Santa Fe

What better time to head for *Santa Fe and the Great Southwest* than the height of a Chicago winter!

Join us for a travelogue with Mike Gauer on **Wednesday, January 21 at 7 p.m.** to see the mix of turquoise, adobe, red peppers, and vigas.

Contrast the spectacular Spanish colonial architecture with the striking natural beauty of Monument Valley, Canyon de Chelly, Bryce Canyon and other American national treasures.

**MGPL Hours**

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1 - 5

# Mark your calendar!

## Calendar Summary

**January**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1/1 | Th | | Library Closed for New Year's Day |
| 1/6 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 1/8 | Th | 7:30 | Beginning Internet (Class full) |
| 1/8 | Th | 7:45 | Library Board Meeting |
| 11/11 | Su | 2:00 | Concert: Mark Valenti |
| 1/12 | Mo | 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00 | Feature Film: *The Full Monty* (R 90 min) |
| 1/13 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 1/20 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 1/21 | We | 7:00 | Travelogue: *Santa Fe and the Great Southwest* |
| 1/27 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 1/27 | Tu | 7:30 | Book Discussion Group: *China Boy* by Gus Lee |

**February**

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| 2/3 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 2/5 | Th | 7:00 | Health Lecture: *The Solutions for Back Problems* |
| 2/8 | Su | 2:00 | Lyric Opera Lecture: *Mozart's Women* |
| 2/10 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 2/12 | Th | 7:45 | Library Board Meeting |
| 2/14 | Sa | 10:30 | Children's Program |
| 2/16 | Mo | 11:00 2:30 & 7:00 | Feature Film: *Seven Years in Tibet* (PG-13 130 min.) |
| 2/17 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 2/18 | We | 7:00 | Living Trusts |
| 2/24 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 2/24 | Tu | 7:30 | Book Discussion Group: *Polar Dream* by Helen Thayer |

Check our complete calendar on the Web at *http://www.webrary.org/mgpl/calcurr.html*

Programs

## January

**Internet Basics –** Registration is closed for the January session. Look for details on our next class in the March/April *Focus*. **Thur. 1/8 7:30 p.m.**

**Concert: Mark Valenti –** This classical concert features selections from Claude Debussy's *Images*, three short pieces by Brahms, one of Prokofieff's last works, *Spanish Songs and Dances* by Frederic Mompou, and a Beethoven sonata. Mr. Valenti has performed overseas and extensively in the Chicago and Philadelphia area. He is currently a member of the faculty at Saint Xavier University and the Music Center of the North Shore. **Sun. 1/11 2 p.m.**

**Travelogue: Santa Fe and the Great Southwest –** Mike Gauer shows his "*National Geographic* quality" slides. See page one. **Wed. 1/21 7 p.m.**

## February

**Health Lecture: The Solutions for Back Problems –** Dr. Michael T. Porter of the Oakton Chiropractic Clinic explains how poor posture can cause neck and back problems; conservative treatments for disc sufferers; proper sitting, lifting and standing techniques; and new exercises to help with lower back pain. **Thur. 2/5 7 p.m.**

**Lyric Opera Lecture: Mozart's Women –** Dr. Tom Brown, DePaul University professor of Music, discusses the role of women in Mozart's operas. **Sun. 2/8 2 p.m.**

**Living Trust Seminar –** Find out how to avoid expensive probate proceedings, reduce federal estate taxes and maintain control and privacy of your estate. Join Scott Goldman, certified financial planner; Jerry Gutman, financial advisor; and Ira Moltz, attorney; from Planning Dynamics for this session on why living trusts are replacing wills. **Wed. 2/18 7 p.m.**

## Lunch Time Movies

Pack a brown-bag lunch and head to the Library every **Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.** for Lunch Time Movies. Travel to faraway places, listen to thought-provoking discussions or meet historical figures during this 1 1/2 hour video program.

## Book Discussion Group

Thinking Out Loud, the Library's book group, meets **January 27 at 7:30 p.m.** to discuss *China Boy* by Gus Lee. The title for the **February 24** discussion is *Polar Dream* by Helen Thayer. Copies of the books are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Reader's Service Desk.

**All programs held at the Library are free of charge and open to everyone, unless noted. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call the Library at (847) 965-4220, TDD 965-4236.**

Kids Programs

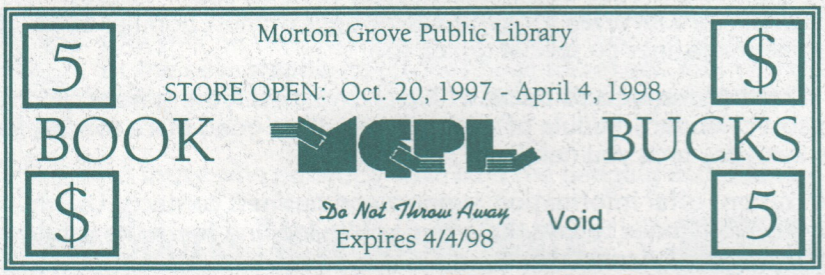
# Earn Book Bucks in Reading Game

Join "Explore the 'Numbers,'" the Children's Department school-year reading game by reading non-fiction books. Now through April 3, read books in non-fiction categories to earn book bucks like the one below.

You earn a penny for each page you read, so you can buy great prizes from the Library store. Save your pennies for a bean bag critter or spend them for great school supplies, such as a stencil ruler, a rainbow eraser or a pencil sharpener.

All families are welcome to attend Dennis DeBondt's "Good Clean Comedy Magic" show at **10:30 on Saturday, February 14.** At the magic show, those enrolled in the reading game will be eligible for a chance at a $20 gift certificate from either Barnes & Noble or Noodle Kidoodle.

For all the details on the reading game, stop by the Children's Room.




# Park View Wins Battle

Park View emerged as the victor in the Battle of the Books for 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Students read books from a list, then meet in teams to answer questions.

Congratulations to all the students who participated from Park View, East Prairie and Golf.

# Children's Classes

Spaces are still available in some classes for Winter session which begin the week of **January 5, 1998** through the week of February 23.

**Library Playtime for 2 1/2 Year Olds & Parents**
Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

**Pre-School Storytime**
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

**Stories & Stuff**
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00pm
Class limit – 12

**Arts & Crafts**
Grades 1-3 Mon. 4:00 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri. 4:00 pm
Class limit – 15

**Creative Writing**
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4:00 pm
Class limit - 40

# Graphic Novels Added to YA Collection

Graphic novels are lengthy comic books containing a single story or interrelated stories.

The Library recently added three dozen graphic novels which cover a variety of subjects from comic book characters (*Superman*) to book adaptations (*The Hobbit*) to serious subjects like the Holocaust (*Maus*).

Try a graphic novel today, and see what you think of this new style.

# Drop-In Storytime Moves to 1:30 P.M.

The Drop-in Storytime is being moved from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. to alleviate parking problems.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to stop by for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays and activities with librarians Joan Gross and Ronnie Rund.

Drop-in Storytime follows the same schedule as the regular children's classes, weekly **January 6 through February 24.**

# Avoid Overdue Fines: Renew Library Materials by Phone

No time to get to the Library, but you need more time to read your books? Pick up the telephone and renew your books. Most items can be renewed twice, as long as they are not overdue or someone is not waiting for them. (Videotapes cannot be renewed, however.)

It's 11 p.m. and you just remembered that your books are due tomorrow, but your schedule is so tight you can't squeeze in a trip to the Library. Try Telecirc, an automated phone renewal system. In addition to renewing items, Telecirc can list items you have checked out and let you know if fines are accumulating.

Having your card and the items you want to renew right in front of you will speed up your call whether it's to the **Circulation Desk (965-4220)** or **Telecirc (676-1846).**

Films

## January

*The Full Monty* (R 90 min) A British comedy about a group of out-of-work men who need some quick cash. The guys decide to put on their own version of the Chippendales, but taking it all the way, or The Full Monty. First, though, they must overcome their own fears that others will see them in the altogether.
**Mon. 1/12 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00**

## February

*Seven Years in Tibet* (PG-13 130 min) Based on a true story, a German mountain-climbing team sets out to prove the superiority of the Aryan super-race. One member of the team, Heinrich Harrer (Brad Pitt), is arrogant and self-centered. Caught by the British, he escapes and must make his way through the mountains. Living with the gentle Tibetans helps him change his focus in life.
**Mon. 2/16 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00**

# New Large Type Easier on the Eyes

New in Fiction:

*Bed and Breakfast*
Lois Battle

*Tom Clancy's Op-Center:Acts of War*
Tom Clancy

*Plum Island*
Nelson DeMille

*Cloud Chamber*
Michael Dorris

*The Book of Ruth*
Jane Hamilton

*The Clinic*
Jonathan Kellerman

*The English Patient*
Michael Ondaatje

*Sanctuary*
Nora Roberts

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## Reference Round-up

To start off the new year, members of the Reference and Reader's Service staff would like to share their favorite reference materials with you. We hope that you will find them just as useful as we do!

***Living in Greater Chicago: The Buyer's and Renter's Guide*** gives important information about the various Chicago neighborhoods and suburbs: average home values, property taxes, school report cards, and more.

***Chicagoland Atlas*** will make it easy for you to locate any street in the metro area. It also includes a handy zip code map.

Giving a gift subscription to a magazine you've never seen? Consult ***Magazines for Libraries*** for good descriptions of most popular titles. It helps find magazines on special topics, too!

***The World Almanac and Book of Facts*** covers everything from sports statistics to a calendar schedule of solar eclipses. It's a good place to start for those everyday facts you need.

Organizations offer information, support and business contacts. Use the handy keyword index to find the group you're looking for in the valuable ***Encyclopedia of Associations.***

Want to find another great book like the one you just finished or just a "good read"? Try ***Genreflecting*** when you want to see who else writes like Maeve Binchy or what other noir crime novels are out there.

The Internet can often answer some of our toughest questions. Using a search engine like ***Alta Vista*** to hunt for keywords can uncover information like the famous "Yes, Virginia ..." letter or details on the Russian stock market.

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